

HOUSE BILL 2602

By Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-101, relative to child support.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-101(c)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(c)(1) The court shall set a specific amount that is due each month, to be paid in one (1) or more payments as the court directs. In making any decree or order pursuant to this section, the court shall consider the provisions of § 34-1-102(b) and shall establish a presumptive date for the termination of the current child support obligation. The presumptive termination date shall be the last day of the month of the eighteenth birthday of the youngest child included in the order unless the court finds that it is projected that the youngest child will not complete high school by age eighteen (18). In that event, the presumptive termination date shall be the last day of the month of the anticipated date the child graduates from high school or the class of which the child is a member when the child attains eighteen (18) years of age, whichever occurs first. The presumptive termination date may be modified upon changed circumstances. Unless the court finds otherwise, each order made under this section shall contain the current address of the parties.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to any child support order entered after the effective date of this act.